Teacher's Day

665. DR. KARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of functions organised by Government to observe the Teacher's Day this year and the awards given in that connection; and

(b) the schemes and programmes, if any, initiated in that connection to promote values of morality?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) Under the Scheme of National Award to Teachers, Teachers of outstanding merit are awarded each year on Teacher's Day *i.e.* 5th Sept, the birth anniversary of Shri Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan. During this year 279 teachers from all over the country were awarded by the Hon'ble Vice President in Vigyan Bhawan, which included 66 lady teachers and 2 visually impaired teachers. The award carries a Silver Medal, a Certificate of merit and Award Money of Rs.25,000/-.

(b) No specific schemes or programmes have been initiated on Teacher's Day to promote values of morality.

Working Women's Hostels in Gujarat

666. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of working women's hostels functioning at present in Gujarat, the details thereof, district-wise;

(b) the grants released to the State for this head during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether new hostels are in the offing in the State in the near future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?